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SUBJECT: SECOND PHASE OF JAPANESE ENERGY CONSUMPTION CONTROLS

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1. DEPUTY HEAD OF GENERAL COORDINATION DIVISION OF MITI, YAMAMOTO, TOLD EMBOFF DEC. 19 THAT GOJ PLANNED TO ANNOUNCE SECOND PHASE OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION CONTROL MEASURES ON DECEMBER 25. ALTHOUGH SPECIFICS NOT FINALIZED, BOTH POWER AND OIL CONSUMPTION CUTBACKS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN MEASURES WHICH ARE TO GO INTO EFFECT ON JAN. 1. FOR FIRST TIME, RESTRICTIONS ON ELECTRICITY USE WILL BE BASED ON EXISTING ELECTRIC UTILITY LAW, RATHER THAN ON ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE. YAMAMOTO SAID THIS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURES. (PRESS REPORTS THAT PREVIOUS MITI GUIDANCE TO ELEVEN MAJOR INDUSTRIES SHOULD HAVE REDUCED TOTAL JAPANESE POWER USE BY OVER 4 PERCENT, BUT IN FACT REDUCED POWER USE BY ONLY 2 PERCENT BELOW PLANNED LEVELS.

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2. YAMAMOTO NOTED THAT TWO EMERGENCY BILLS CONTAINING OIL

AND GENERAL COMMODITY ALLOCATION AND PRICE CONTROL AUTHORITY (SEE REFTEL) HAD PASSED LOWER HOUSE ON DECEMBER 18 AND EXPECTED TO PASS UPPER HOUSE ON DECEMBER 21 OR 22. NORMALLY, YAMAMOTO SAID, IT WOULD TAKE MORE THAN MONTH BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH BILLS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, MITI UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE TO STRENGTHEN ITS CONTROLS AND WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN TO USE LEGISLATION BEFORE MID-JANUARY. THIS APPARENTLY MEANS THAT CONTROLS ON PETROLEUM PRODUCT USE WILL CONTINUE TO BE BASED ON ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE UNTIL THAT TIME.

3. YAMAMOTO CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT CONTROLS WOULD APPLY TO HOUSEHOLDS AS WELL AS BROADER RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS (I.E. MORE THAN PRESENT CONTROLS WHICH APPLY TO ELEVEN MAJOR INDUSTRIES AND POWER CONSUMERS OVER 3000 KW). HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DETAILS STILL BEING FOUGHT OUT BETWEEN VARIOUS MINISTRIES.  
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